

Mormon Migration



a little about the mormon religion


they were a group of people who felt they were called by god chosen to create a new jerusalem





Joseph smith

was a religious from america who founded mormonism when he was only 24 years old, by the time of his death which was 14 years later, he died he had gathered tens of thousands of followers.



Smith and his followers moved west. he was planning on building a communalistic america

the beginning

1839- led by brigham young missouri mormons reach safety in illinois

April- moving location from one trial to another, smith buys land for a new settlement named Nauvoo on the banks of the mississippi river.

1840- December, mormons receive a city charter establishing expansive home rule and local militia. after current mayor is excommunicated smith becomes mayor/military leader. 4 years pass & Nauvoo is nearly the size of Chicago.

1844- Smith declares he will run for the president of the U.S. trying to convince people that if they followed gods will they could be gods themselves. this outcry is justified by him surrendering to the state and goes to jail.

1846- mormons basically got harrassed until they left Nauvoo, not all of them left but a good majority of them went off to the west.

April 25-mexico and america are basically at war (america declared war on mexico) mormon battalion of some 500 soldiers enlist none saw action though.

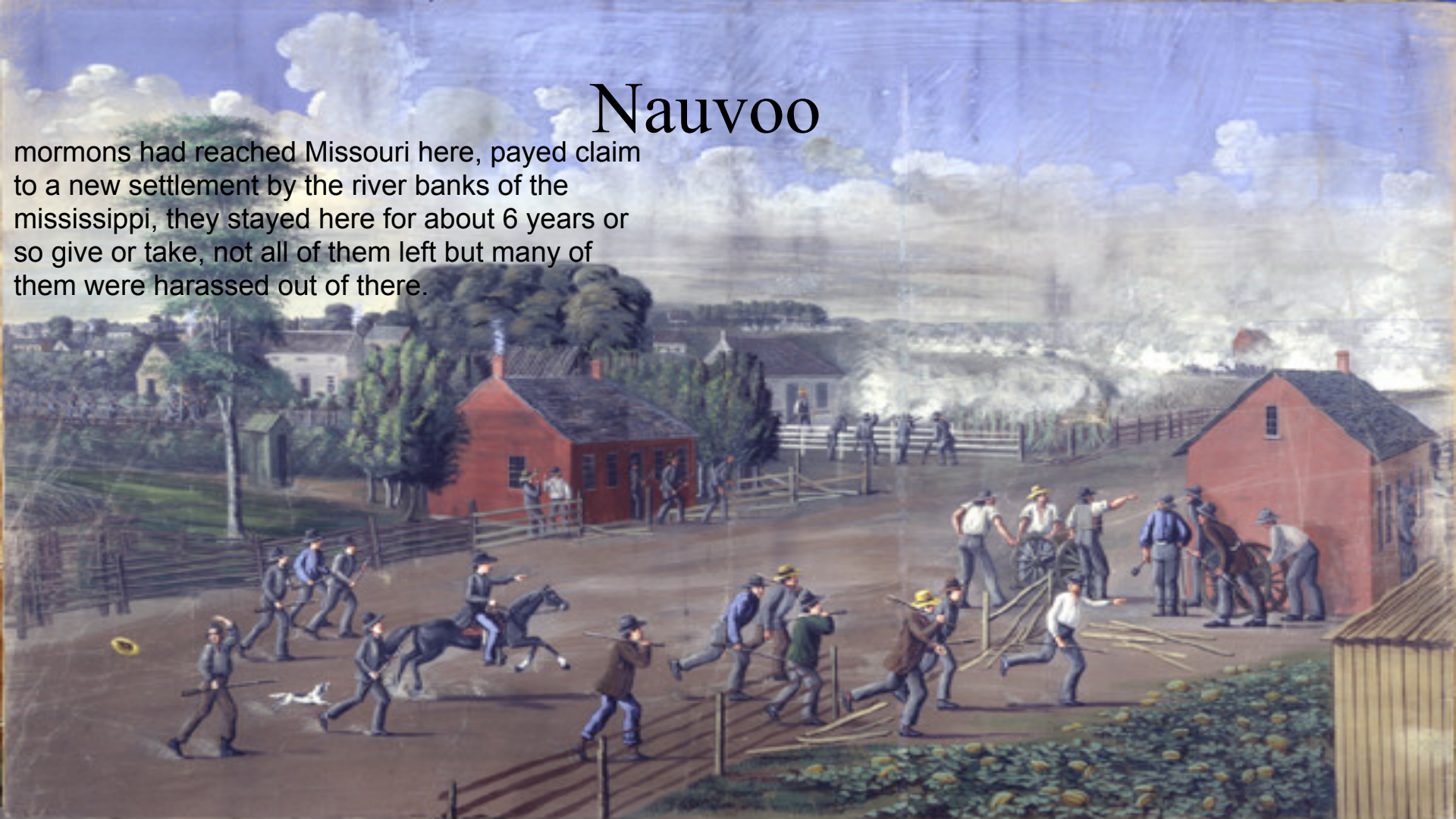
1847-a party of mormons reaches the valley of the Great Salt Lake City and brigham, who will be the future church president, confirms that this will be where the mormons will settle

1849- a provisional state deseret is organized not approved by congress, is instead named Utah and is made U.S. territory.

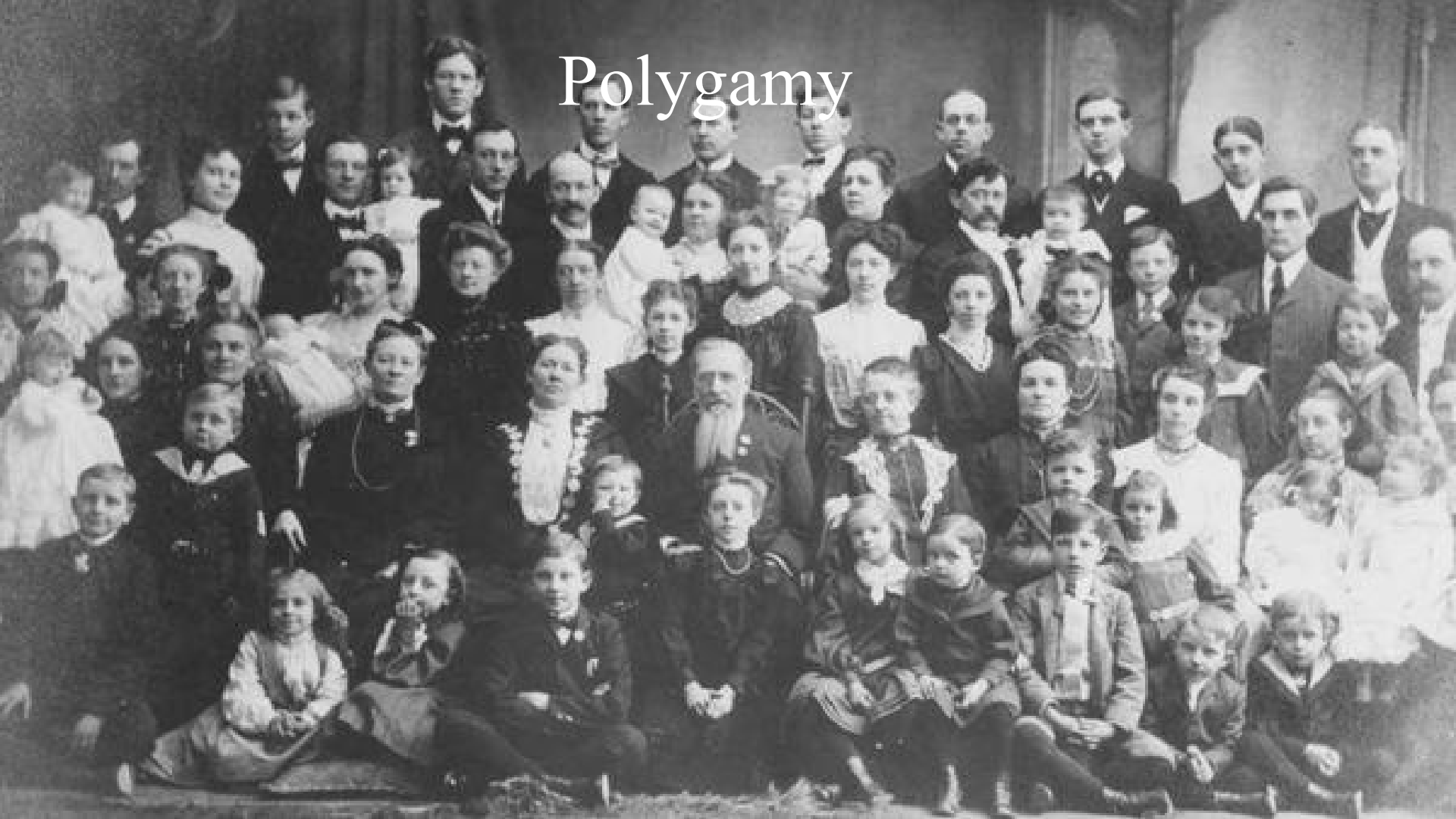
1857- president james buchanan thinks young is ruling Utah as a personal theocracy , declares territory in rebellion and sends 2500 troops west from Kansas.

Nauvoo

mormons had reached Missouri here, payed claim to a new settlement by the river banks of the mississippi, they stayed here for about 6 years or so give or take, not all of them left but many of them were harassed out of there.



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